ǧenṡ al-ḥurmat al-ḥalbaʾ w-ar-raǧol al-melûs, as both are the cause of various mishaps! A Bedouin who marries a person that is quarrelsome and censorious, *al-ḥurmat ad-daʿʿâja w-annaʿʿâja*, is never prosperous but will always be unhappy, both he and his children. A scolding woman wishes ill to her opponent in the following sentences:

"*Sabʿ ḥal-waǧh*. May [a wild beast, demon] tear this face!"

"*Saʿax jasbaʿ ḥaš-šâreb*. May [the demon] utterly tear up this mustache!" *Šâreb*, mustache, means man in general.

"*Kow bek. Tekwâ* (or *tekâ*) *bak*. Burn him! May they burn thee! [Mayest thou become so ill that] red-hot iron must be applied to thee!"

"*Ḥamdet ar-rîḥ*. May the breeze of thy good fortune cease to blow towards thee!"

"*Ṛâjbt as-saʿad*. May success be far from thee!"

"*Ḥejb as-sedd*. Mayest thou be disappointed in thy most secret wishes!"

"*Mout an-nâr*. Mayest thou go to hell after thy death!"

"*Allâh jilʿan zên ḥal-ḥdûm alli má ḥi ʿal-ádmi mâr ʿala ʿûd bâ-šǧara*. May Allâh curse this fine dress so that it will not garb a man but the stalk of a perennial!" This means that the person dressed in that suit is, for lack of success, to dry up as the stalk of a perennial dries up when there has been no rain for several years.

In making agreements the Rwejli must be very careful. If he agrees with his comrade that they will help each other faithfully in both good and bad days, *ʿala-z-zên w-aš-šên*, he must not change the order of the words and say "*ʿala-š-šên w-az-zên*," if he would not bring bad luck upon himself.

If a sorrel horse escapes from a raider and, dragging its rein, runs about in terror in front of the troop, the other riders try to drive it aside with their spears, shouting: "May Allâh forgive thee! *Semḥeč* (or *Sebḥeč*)." They know that it brings bad luck to them, yet they will not kill it as it deserves and therefore cry "*Semḥeč*," instead of "*Sebʿeč*, May He destroy thee!" A sorrel with a white spot on both the right and left hind leg is called *mšalelba* because it throws its rider frequently. A mare who scratches with her forehoofs continually will ruin her rider as surely as a wife who cannot keep order, *al-faras al-ḥarrâṭa w-al-marat aš-šaʿʿâṭa* (or *šarrâṭa*). A camel with a curly spot on the root of her tail, *ʿaḳer-*